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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated January 11, 2001 and is being filed within the three-month extension period for responding pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). A petition to extend the period for responding to the Office Action by three months, from April 11, 2001 to July 11, 2001, is submitted herewith. Claims 30-55 are pending in the application. Independent claims 30, 39, 46, and 55 have been amended. Because the Applicant believes the amendments to each of the independent claims now place the case in condition for allowance, entry of the Amendment, withdrawal of the rejections, and passage of the case for allowance is respectfully requested.